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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 5, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicant elects to prosecute without traverse the invention of species I of Figures 1, 2A and 2B. The Applicant identifies claim 1 as generic to species I and at least one of species II-VI, and claims 2-5, 8, 10-11 and 14-18 as readable on species I. Thus, claims 1-5, 8, 10-11 and 14-18 are elected. Claims 6-7, 9, 12-13 and 19-22 are withdrawn without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to file divisional/continuation applications to prosecute the non-elected subject matter.

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Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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